(c) Flag Code of India, 2002 has been given wide publicity through press and electronic media. The Code is also available on this Ministry's Website at http:/mha.nic.in. The Ministry of Human Resource Development has been requested to include the part relating to display of the National Flag by members of the general public and the conditions attached thereto in the syllabi of the schools etc. It is provided in Part II of the Flag Code of India, 2002 that the Flag shall not be used for commercial purposes in violation of the Emblem and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 1950.

Formation of a Common war zone by Naxalites

676. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the naxalites have formed a "common war zone" of which Orissa is a part;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any assessment of this zone; and

(c) if so, the details of the measures taken by Government to curb naxal activities in the declared zone?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENIVIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) As per available information, left extremist groups are reported to have formed Andhra-Orissa Border Special Zonal Committee, comprising of some districts of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa to carve out a "Guerilla zone" in the area.

(c) "Public Order" and "Police" being State subjects, it is for the concerned State Governments to devise various methods and take concrete steps to curb left wing extremist activities in the States. However, keeping in view the overall dimensions of left wing extremism, a Coordination Centre, headed by the Union Home Secretary with Chief Secretaries and Directors General of Police of the seriously affected States, as its members, regularly reviews and coordinates steps taken by the States to check left extremist activities, monitors the plan of action in respect of each State and makes recommendations both on development and security aspects of the problem.

Several important decisions such as providing financial support from the Centre for combating left wing extremist activities, preparation of plans for development of affected areas to tackle the problem in a holistic manner,

sharing of intelligence inputs, and providing assistance of para military forces on need basis etc. have been taken by the Coordination Centre and effectively followed-up.

CPML-People's War (PW) and Maoist Communist Centre (MCC) and their formations and front organizations have been notified as Terrorist Organizations under the provisions of the Prevention of Terrorism (Second) Ordinance, 2001 to enable the States to take effective action.

Training to Home Guards to Tackle Emergency Situation

677. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Home guards are being trained for war or to tackle emergency situation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to upgrade their equipments to meet any kind of emergency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAM1): (a) to (c) Home Guards generally serve as an auxiliary to the police and assist in maintaining law and order. They also assist the community in emergencies like fire, floods, epidemic etc., for which they are imparted Basic, Refresher, Advanced and Leadership training. The equipment authorised to them is adequate and needs no revision at this stage.

Communal Riots in Kerala

678. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent (after 2000) communal riots in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details of victims affected by those riots including loss of life and property;

(c) the details of action taken to rehabilitate the victims of the riots;

(d)whether the Kerala Government has requested for any grant for rehabilitating the riot victims;